

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL
Friday, September 27, 2013
Regent's Room, Suite 1140, J.K. Kellam Administration Building

Attendance: Ms. Nancy Nusbaum, Dr. Joanne Smith, Dr. Jaymeen Shah, Dr. John McGee, Dr. Roque Mendez, Mr. Cody DeSalvo, Mr. Juan Guerra, Ms. Kathryn Price, Ms. Judy Herington, Ms. Abreeta Goode, Chief Ralph Meyer, Mr. Stephen Prentice, Mr. Steve Herrera, Mr. Paul Hamilton, Ms. Audrey Webb (Guest), Ms. Linda Sterling (Scribe).

Introduction of New Members

Ms. Nusbaum and council members introduced themselves.

Carpool Proposal

Ms. Audrey Webb introduced herself and explained her Carpool Proposal (handout).

Ms. Nusbaum explained some changes that have been made to the current carpool system and advised Ms. Webb her proposal would be considered. Mr. DeSalvo agreed to work with Mr. Prentice on reviewing the proposal in greater detail.

Approval of April 18, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Minutes were APPROVED.

Council's Charge and Operations

Ms. Nusbaum explained last year there was significant discussion about the role and responsibilities of this Council and a request to develop a calendar so members would know in advance what agenda items would be discussed. This first meeting in September is primarily to review the Council's charge and introduce the budgets for the various entities in Transportation Services, including Parking Services, Shuttle, and the Bike Cave. Ms. Nusbaum explained that this entity is a council which is advisory. The Council's charge means that the operational entities bring recommendations, solicit feedback, and act as a conduit regarding policies and issues. Members also provide advice when recommendations need to go to President's Cabinet for approval. Each group has its own way to take information back, solicit feedback, and bring back to this council for discussion. Items can wait until the next meeting or can be brought to the Chair. We can hold discussion items for a meeting or they can be distributed via email, depending on the urgency. Ms. Nusbaum asked if Council members agreed to this procedurally, and the Councilmembers AGREED.

Transportation Services Budgets

Ms. Nusbaum explained the construction of the Transportation Services budgets and advised that the Bike Cave was awarded an \$11,158 grant from the Environmental Services Committee for salaries.

A Council member asked if the parking permit revenue was a projection and Ms. Nusbaum advised revenue from permit sales and citations are always projections.

Shuttle Route Changes for Fall 2013

Ms. Nusbaum noted changes to the routes include distribution of additional buses on the local routes from the elimination of the BTI and inception of the new Route 12-Bobcat Village, a point-to-point service from the Mill St. commuter lot to central campus; specifically to the quad. Three other buses were added; one to the Mill St. route, one to Blanco River route, and the third to Campus Loop. The drop off at Speck Garage was also reinstated for those students who want to get to the Campus Recreation building.

A Council member asked for more information about the LBJ route. Mr. Hamilton explained that the Stonegate and Hillside stops would be eliminated because of construction by the City of San Marcos for the next 2 years, and that management at Hillside Ranch agreed to build temporary stop beyond Holland St. that will be the only stop in that area for the period of construction. The original stop location will be reinstated at the completion of construction. The Campus Loop route will also service the area.

Route 12 Revision

Route 12-Bobcat Village was revised September 16 adding a stop at the LBJ Student Center to assist riders traveling to the west side of campus with about 10% of the ridership debarking at the Student Center.

Transportation Alternatives

Ms. Nusbaum enumerated the transportation alternatives in place for travelers from Austin and San Antonio including CARTS Interurban Service; My Shuttle Home private charter service; Vanpools through Capital Metro and VIA; and a rideshare program through CAMPO. CARTS also has 3 routes on campus and 7 off campus. ZipCar is now on campus and has generated a lot of interest judging by the emails received. Car.Ma is something new and we will be looking to start that in the spring. We still have not been able to find a solid solution for those traveling from San Antonio, but AACOG will try to provide a service if they are able to secure grant money. All of the above information resides on the Transportation Services website.

A Council member asked about MegaBus as an option. Mr. Hamilton stated MegaBus did not return phone calls, and travel only from large city to large city, i.e., Austin to San Antonio with no stops. Mr. Herrera advised he will try to contact them again.

Update on Green and Silver Permits

Ms. Nusbaum reminded Council members that there was a proposal to open green and silver permits to commuters via a lottery if they were not all sold after the 12th class day. A meeting was held with VPSA, DHRL, ASG, and RHA where it was decided that 75 silver (apartment) and 400 green (residence) permits would become available for sale to commuters. Residence Hall students were notified prior that this was their last opportunity to purchase green before they were opened up for purchase.

\$25.00 Reactivation Fee and Loss of Gate Card – Edward Gary Street Garage (EGSG)

Ms. Nusbaum advised for the first time E-green permits were issued for the top two levels of EGSG to open to residence halls in vicinity. Residents were provided gate cards to park but were giving them to their friends to get in the garage. When they used the gate card to get in the garage it deactivated because no one had left. We created a \$25 reactivation fee for the first time they did it and they were

brought before Mark Jesse. The second time they did it they lost their gate card. No one has tried it twice. There were 47 people who did this on August 26.

Conversion of Lot 110 to Red

Lot 110 was originally designated green and is basically empty. Observations show that out of 40-45 spaces approximately 38 of the permits parking there are red. After discussion with ASG, DHRL, and RHA, it was recommended to turn the lot red.

Lot 304 to Remain Green and Not Change Partially to All Zone

Mr. Prentice advised that students are not using the surface lot or the first level. In the past when the price differential wasn't so great, we opened the surface lot for commuters and made it all zone after school started. We monitored how it was being used and if not used by green, we changed the sign and allowed commuters to park there. We are reluctant to do that because of the price differential.

After discussion, two options were put forward to the Council: 1) Garage remains green and surface lot is converted to All Zone; and 2) Surface lot and first level of garage converted to All Zone.

A vote was taken, and by majority vote OPTION 2 WAS CHOSEN.

Ms. Nusbaum suggested rezoning just the surface lot and assessing the situation. If there is demand, the rest of the first level could be changed to All Zone; several Councilmembers agreed with that course of action. A Council member asked Mr. Prentice to email the counts to the Council.

Carpool Update

Mr. Prentice advised that at the carpool spaces by the President's house, we have issued 33 permits with 5 pending and there are 13 parking spaces. On the east side we have issued 24 with 4 pending, and there are 19 spots. We would like to add 4-6 more spots by the President's house.

It was agreed that 2 or so carpool spaces should be added at the west lot, if needed.

Reserved Parking Request

Ms. Phyllis Rowell requested via e-mail that more reserved spaces be created. Also requested was the ability to move reserved spaces to a new location when the permit holder changes locations, and the ability to designate one or two individuals who may use the reserved space when the owner is absent in order to free up red space and not have reserved spaces sitting empty.

After discussion the Council decided not to alter the current rules and regulations for Reserved parking permits and spaces. It was also decided that enforcement would prove very difficult if individuals, other than the permit holder, were permitted to park in a reserved space.

Ticket Appeals Committee

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned with a request from the Chair for Council members to send their availability to Linda Sterling so a standing meeting could be scheduled.